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SUBJ: JUNE POLL FURTHER CAUSE FOR LIBERAL GLOOM

1. IN GALLUP POLL CONDUCTED EARLY JUNE, RESULTS CONTINUED BAD NEWS TREND FOR THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT AS 47 PERCENT DISAPPROVED OF FED GOVT'S RECORD SINCE LAST ELECTION WHILE ONLY 27 PERCENT APPROVED. TWENTY-SIX PERCENT HAD NO OPINION. DISAPPROVAL RATE UP 4 PERCENT SINCE 1975 AND APPROVAL RATE DOWN 8 PERCENT.

2. DISAPPROVAL RATE MUCH HIGHER AMONG ENGLISH (58 PERCENT) THAN AMONG FRENCH (29 PERCENT) WITH EQUIVALENT IMBALANCE ON APPROVAL SIDE WITH FRENCH AT 21 PERCENT AND ENGLISH AT 21 PERCENT. THIS NOT SURPRISING IN VIEW OF TRADITIONAL LIBERAL PARTY STRENGTH IN FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITY.

3. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT LIBERAL PERFORMANCE IN MINORITY GOVERNMENT SITUATION IN 1973 PRODUCED MAJORITY APPROVAL (44 TO 28 PERCENT) BEFORE LIBERAL TRIUMPH IN 1974 ELECTIONS. MAJORITY DISAPPROVAL (41 TO 35 PERCENT), HOWEVER REGISTERED IN 1970 BEFORE LIBERALS REDUCED THE MINORITY STATUS IN 1972 ELECTIONS. THESE FIGURES SUPPORT NOTION THAT LIBERALS GOVERN BETTER OR APPEAR TO DO SO WHEN THEY ARE RUNNING SCARED WITHOUT FAT MAJORITY. IN ANY CASE, MOST RECENT DATA MOST CERTAINLY SUPPORT

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GENERAL IMPRESSION HERE THAT TRUDEAU LIBERALS ARE IN

ELECTORAL TROUBLE AND THAT MATTERS GETTING WORSE.
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